

## **IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 6, as follows:

Referring to Figure 5, in accordance with another embodiment of the present invention, the slab waveguides 14b ~~15b~~ may be coupled to a multi-mode interference (MMI) coupler 34 in another embodiment of the present invention. In this embodiment, the MMI coupler 34 replaces the directional coupler 22. In this embodiment, the output waveguides 30 and 32 need not be of different lengths. However, the primary and secondary channel spacings may be as described previously in accordance with the embodiment shown in Figure 2. As before, the coupler 34 may be coupled to an output waveguide 36.